Sanctioning of loans for women weavers of Majuli District

1296. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to sanction the loan/ funds for women weavers of Majuli district in Assam State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have schemes and programmes to encourage the women weavers of Majuli district; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes and progammes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (d) National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that in Majuli Sub Division, District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB) has financed 30 SGSY groups of which 9 SGSY groups are exclusively women groups. In order to enable Banks to extend credit to Handloom Sector, NABARD provides refinance assistance to cooperative banks and commercial banks.

Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) also has a programme known as Rural Employment Generation Programme under which women are also eligible for assistance. There are other Schemes such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) implemented in the country including sub-division of Majuli under which financial assistance is provided to women for various activities including weaving.

Foreign exchange loans

†1297. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to put an end to the practice of going in for foreign exchange loans involving high costs;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.